

# SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE



DuWayne Gregory, Presiding Officer

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## FARMERS MARKET OPENS IN WYANDANCH PRESIDING OFFICER GREGORY CELEBRATES OPENING DAY



Amityville, NY – Suffolk County Legislature Presiding Officer DuWayne Gregory participated in the opening day ceremony for the Shiloh Community Farmers Market at the New Shiloh Baptist Church in Wyandanch. The Shiloh Community Farmers Market, located at 221 Merritt Avenue in Wyandanch, will be open on Saturdays from 1 to 4 p.m. until October.

Since 2012, the New Shiloh Baptist Church has worked with the Albanese Organization, Wyandanch Community Development Corporation and Sustainable Long Island to provide area residents with

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convenient access to locally-grown produce. Fresh fruits and vegetables are brought in for sale by Long Island farmers: Philip Schmitt & Sons, Anderson Farms, Natural Earth Farms and Milk Pail Farms.

According to Sondra Cochran, Executive Director of the Wyandanch Community Development Center, the Shiloh Community Farmer's Market project has created and improved economic opportunity for Wyandanch and the surrounding community by increasing access to fresh, healthy, affordable produce and providing jobs and job training opportunities for community youth. The market also makes healthy produce more accessible to low-income residents of the community by participating in the NYS Farmers' Market Nutrition Program and Wireless EBT program, and accepting Senior and WIC FMNP checks as well as SNAP benefits.

"I am pleased to celebrate the re-opening of the Shiloh Community Farmers Market," said Presiding Officer Gregory. "We are fortunate to have strong community support for neighborhood farmers markets that benefit our agricultural industry and enable all to enjoy the season's best fruits and vegetables, grown right here in Suffolk County."

Pictured from left: Tarique Portwine, Alicia Portwine, Treisha Greene, Rev. Robert Alexander, Amy Engel, Lauren Moy, Virginia Dawson, Presiding Officer Gregory, Bridget Stokes, Sarah Kelly, Babylon Town Councilman Tony Martinez, Kimberly Jean-Pierre, Councilman Tom Donnelly, Sondra Cochran and Russell Albanese.

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